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**Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Up Close:
Issues on the ground and in the water**

Outline

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Background:

What is an Abandoned and/or Derelict Vessel (ADV)?



Background of the Problem

- Over last 5-10 years, increase in neglected and abandoned vessels in San Francisco Bay and Delta areas
- Financial crisis of 2007-08
- Skyrocketing real estate prices
- Best of intentions, worst of execution
- Substance abuse as it relates to ADV problem

The Problem



The Problem: Pollution Issues



Current Program to Deal With ADVs



ADV Workgroup/ Key Players



California
STATE LANDS
Commission



ADV Workgroup Efforts

- Increase in the enforcement of illegal moorings/ reduction of derelict vessels in Richardson Bay, Marin County
- Passage of AB 1323, Marine Debris Law, that helped to speed up the removal of obvious abandoned vessels
- Increased funds available for recreational vessel removal through the Division of Boating and Waterways
- Increased coordination between all agencies to identify potential vessels that could pose serious threats

Division of Boating and Waterways Funding

SAVE

Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange

AWAF

Abandoned Watercraft
Abatement Fund

VTIP

Vessel Turn-In Program

**Surrendered
&
Abandoned
Vessel
Exchange**

SAVE Program

- Run through Division of Boating and Waterways
- **Recreational vessels only**
- Collaboration with counties, marinas, local agencies
- Reimbursable grant program





Commercial

VS.



Recreational













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Office of Spill Prevention and Response's ADV Work

- The Office of Spill Prevention and Response is the pollution response arm of CDFW
- Aerial and on-water surveys
- Cost estimate
- Research on ADV programs in other states
- Tracking mechanism



AB 2441 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Removal of abandoned commercial vessels

- Authored by Assemblymember Jim Frazier, D-Discovery Bay – Would shift revenue generated by rentals on public lands in the **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta** and under control of the State Lands Commission to a separate account to help pay for removal of **commercial vessels**



Looking Forward

- California has 4th largest number of registered boaters in the country
- ADVs likely to remain a challenge
- Gaps exist in authority and funding
- Better understanding of the problem results in the development of better solutions
- Future legislation and statute changes

Future Solutions and Actions

- Additional support from Assembly members and other higher profile individuals
- Increase dedicated funding through a “Pay to Play”-type approach that ties ultimate proper disposal to the registered owner/operator
- Requirement of vessel insurance that mirrors the requirements associated with automobile insurance
- Required State registration of commercial vessels, regardless of Federal Documentation status
- Long overdue change to the DBW Grant Funding process



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Questions?

Commercial fishing vessel runs aground off coast of Cayucos

